Recruitment policy

732. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the recruitment policy of Railways for railway security personnel in Assam and North East;

(b) whether it is a fact that less than 10 per cent local youth is employed at security personnel posts;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, the relevant data regarding recruitment of local people at different positions in the Railways in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Recruitment to various posts in Railway Protection Force (RPF)/Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF) is governed by RPF Rules, 1987. As per these Rules, open recruitment is conducted on all India basis. An eligible person from any State/ Union Territory can apply for the vacancies of any zonal railway. There is, however, no specific recruitment policy for Assam and North East.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Out of a total 497 vacancies of Constables filled up in RPF/RPSF by Northeast Frontier Railway during the year 2007, 289 vacancies were filled up by local people.

Privatisation of some departments

†733. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to privatise some departments under his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the names of those departments which are being considered for privatisation and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Passenger reservation system

†734. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scheme of Government to provide the facility of reservation of railway tickets through post offices;

(b) if so, the country-wide details of the nature of aforesaid scheme;

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